Minutes of the 1 May 2012 Regular Meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners Held at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Yancey County Courtroom Yancey County Courthouse, Burnsville, North Carolina

Present at the 1 May 2012 meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners were Chairman Johnny Riddle, Commissioner Jill Austin, Commissioner Dale England, Commissioner Michele Presnell, Commissioner Marvin Holland, County Manager Nathan Bennett, Clerk to the Board Jason Robinson, County Attorney Donny Laws, Cooperative Extension Service Director Tres Magner, Representatives with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, members of the media, and members of the general public.

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chairman Riddle called the meeting to order, and read from the book "Mayland Gateways". He then asked Commissioner Presnell to deliver the invocation. Chairman Riddle then asked Commissioner Holland to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Riddle then asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Holland then made a motion to approve the agenda and it was seconded by Commissioner Austin. The vote to approve was unanimous. (Attachment A)

Approval of the Minutes

The Board next considered the minutes from the March 26th special meeting open and closed session, the April 3rd Regular Meeting, and the April 3rd Special Meeting. Commissioner Austin made a motion to approve the above mentioned minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holland and the vote to approve was unanimous. The Board then considered the minutes from the April 30th Special Meeting. Commissioner Austin made a motion to approve those minutes and it was seconded by Commissioner Holland. The vote to approve was unanimous with Commissioner England abstaining because he was not present at the April 30th meeting.

Public Comment

The first person to speak before the Board was Bill Grover. He spoke about our "lala land" coming to an end, after the election. The next person to speak was Anthony Robinson. He once again decried the global elitists who are taking over the world and depriving people of their rights and repeated again the warning about the cancer of socialism. The next person to speak before the Board was John Silverman who doesn't like to have to go through a metal detector and thinks that the sheriff has too much power by restricting items that can and cannot come into the courthouse. The final person to speak before the Board was Tom Robinson who warned against the pagan celebration on the square for Cinco de Mayo, this was all brought on by the Jesuits who are secretly in control of the Catholic Church.

North Carolina Department of Transportation

Chairman Riddle next introduced representatives from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) for a presentation on the secondary road improvements that are planned for this year (Attachment B). The representatives from the Department of Transportation briefly explained the secondary road improvement program to the Board. Each year a certain amount of money is set aside to pave some unpaved roads and do other improvements to secondary roads. This year the DOT anticipates that \$455,575 will be allocated to Yancey County for the secondary roads program. Upon hearing from the representatives from the Department of Transportation, Chairman Riddle opened the floor for any questions or comments about the secondary road program. Venita Creech asked if the bridge that was being added to the secondary road system was the bridge that went to Clearmont School. It was confirmed that yes this was the bridge in question. Chairman Riddle asked any of the improvements for secondary roads included bike lanes. It was stated that when a road is widened to twelve feet that the wider shoulder could be utilized by bicycles. Bill Grover stated that he knew about riding bicycles and it is not a good idea to put bicycles on roads where cars are going 55 miles per hour. He stated that the American Bar Association must think it is a good idea. As there were no more relevant comments, Chairman Riddle asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner England made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Austin and the vote to approve was unanimous. Chairman Riddle then asked for a motion recommending the secondary road program for Yancey County. Commissioner England made a motion to approve a resolution in support of the secondary road program for Yancey County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Austin. The vote to approve was unanimous.

(Attachment C) Chairman Riddle then asked the Clerk to the Board to read aloud a resolution to add the Clearmont School Bridge to the secondary road system. After the clerk finished reading the resolution, Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve the resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Austin. The vote to approve was unanimous (Attachment D). Chairman Riddle then asked the Clerk to the Board to read a resolution asking for the addition of the Edwards Community Cemetery to the secondary road system. After the clerk read the resolution, Commissioner England made a motion to approve the resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Presnell. The vote to approve was unanimous (Attachment E).

Agricultural Feasibility Study

The Board next heard from Tres Magner and Smithson Mills concerning the agricultural feasibility study that has been ongoing for almost two years. Mr. Mills began by giving a brief history of this project from its formation up to today's report. The purpose of the study was to find out if there would be enough interest for an agricultural aggregation center in Yancey County. The findings were that there is enough interest in both Yancey and Mitchell Counties to move forward with this project. According to Mr. Mills and Mr. Magner, the project is looking to make agriculture profitable by being able to tap into larger commercial entities like Ingles. Lots of times these larger entities do not want to deal with 20 individual farmers. This is why the project was started. The project is now a legal entity, the Toe River Aggregation Center Training Organization Regional, Inc. (TRACTOR), and has located a facility to be housed-the old tomato co-op building on the west of town. This facility will provide about 6,000 square feet of space which should be plenty of room for the operation and the equipment. Several outside funding sources have been identified but the ultimate goal is to have TRACTOR become self-sustaining after about a two to three year implementation process. According to Mr. Magner there is a lot of excitement in the agricultural community to see TRACTOR get off the ground. Both Mr. Magner and Mr. Mills stated that it was hoped to have the facility opened in June.

County Manager Business

The Board next heard from County Manager Nathan Bennett. Mr. Bennett started by asking the Board to approve the four pyrotechnic display permits that have been applied for this year. According to Mr. Bennett, North Carolina now requires all pyrotechnic displays to be permitted by the county and approved by the County Commissioners. The four displays that have been applied for this year are: Yancey County Government, Mountain Air Homeowner's Association, Toe River Campground, and Summer Funshine Camp. Upon hearing from County Manager Bennett, Commissioner England made a motion to approve all of the permits. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holland and the vote to approve was unanimous (Attachment F). Mr. Bennett also updated the Board about the license plate agency. He informed the Board that he had been to Raleigh for an interview that went very well. If the County is approved it would be up and going in about 60 days. Mr. Bennett also reported that the East Yancey Sewer Project is going well and that there are no major problems.

County Attorney Business

County Attorney Donny Laws updated the Board on the status of the Parkway Playhouse lease. He stated that the notice was published last month in the paper and no response was received from anyone. Upon hearing from Mr. Laws, Commissioner England made a motion to approve the lease for Parkway Playhouse. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Austin and the vote to approve was unanimous (Attachment G). Mr. Laws further stated that he and Commissioner Holland are still working on the Buker Tennis Court Lease and should be ready within the next month. Mr. Laws also gave the Board an overview of the Yancey County Soil and Water memorandum of understanding. Mr. Laws stated that Yancey County gives the agency an appropriation and would now be providing office space for them. The only change that Mr. Laws recommended was the reference to the district employees being referred to as county employees, he would recommend changing that to district employees (employees for the soil and water district are not county employees). Upon hearing from Mr. Laws, Commissioner England made a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holland and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Commissioner Business

Chairman Riddle then asked any of the Board if they had any announcements or business. Commissioner Holland invited everyone to the Baccalaureate service at Higgins United Methodist Church for the 2012 graduating class of Mountain Heritage on May 16th.

Adjournment

Having no further business Commissioner Presnell made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Commissioner Austin. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Approved and authenticated on this the 5th day of June 2012.

Attest:

Johnny Riddle, Chairman

Jill Austin, Commissioner

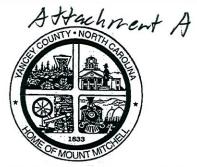
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Dale England, Commissioner

Michele Presnell, Commissioner

Marvin Holland, Commissioner

COUNTY MANAGER Nathan Bennett



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AGENDA

YANCEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

May 1, 2012 7:00 P.M.

- I. Call to Order Chairman Johnny Riddle
- II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Approval of the Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes
- V. Public Comment
- VI. N.C. Department of Transportation Secondary Road Construction Program Representatives of the NCDOT
 - a. PUBLIC HEARING on Secondary Road Construction Program
 - b. RESOLUTION Recommending Program
 - c. RESOLUTION Addition of Clearmont School Bridge to State System
 - d. RESOLUTION Addition of Edwards Community Cemetery Bridge to State System
 - e. Other Related Business
- VII. PRESENTATION Agriculture Feasibility Study Final Report Smithson Mills and Tres Magner, Yancey CED
- VIII. County Manager Report
 - a. Pyrotechnic Display Applications
 - b. Special Projects Update
- IX. County Attorney Report
 - a. Parkway Playhouse Lease Agreement
 - b. Buker Tennis Court Lease Agreement
 - c. Yancey Soil and Water Memorandum of Understanding
- X. Commissioner Reports
- XI. Adjourn

Attachment B

North Carolina Department of Transportation Secondary Roads Construction Program

Yancey County

FY 2012-2013 Anticipated Allocation

Highway Fund

\$ 250,993

Trust Fund

\$ 204,582

Total

\$ 455,575

I. Paving Unpaved Roads

Programmed Paving Goal: 0.40 Miles

A. Rural Paving Priority (Subject to Available Funding)

Priority <u>Number</u>	SR No.	Length (Miles)	Road Name and Description	Est. Cost
5	1319	0.40	Hall Road From SR-1312 to EOM	\$100,000

Total Miles 0.40

Subtotal \$ 100,000

* Rural Paving Alternates

Priority <u>Number</u>	SR No.	Length (Miles)	Road Name and Description	Est. Cost
7	1426	0.41	McCurry Road	\$410,000
8	1136	0.39	Will Anglin Road	\$390,000
9	1462	0.16	Fair Haven Road	\$160,000
10	1208	0.32	McDowell Road	\$320,000
11	1445	0.80	Moonshine Mtn.	\$800,000
12	1306	0.25	Snow Ridge	\$250,000
13	1396	0.58	Sims Fork Ext.	\$580,000

B. Subdivision Paving Priority (None Available - Subdivision Program Completed)

N/A

Subtotal \$ 0

* In the event that any roads in priority have to be placed on the "Hold List" due to unavailable right of way or environmental review, or if additional funding becomes available, funds will be applied to the roads listed in priority order in the paving alternate list.

II. General Secondary Road Improvements

A. Paved Road Improvements

SR No.	Project Description	Current Year Allocation
1416	Clearmont School Road Safety Improvement	\$ 300,000
1109	Bolens Creek Road Safety Improvement	\$ 25,000

B. Unpaved Road Spot Improvements

N/A

Subtotal \$0

III. Trust Fund Safety Improvements (GS 136-182)

N/A

Subtotal \$0

IV. Funds reserved for surveying, right of way acquisition, road additions, contingencies, overdrafts, and paving entrances to certified fire departments, rescue squads, ect.

Subtotal \$30,575

GRAND TOTAL \$455,575

SECONDARY ROAD PAVING PRIORITY SYSTEM

- In accordance with GS 136-44.2A and 136-176(b)(4), funds are allocated from the State Highway Fund and the Highway Trust Fund for Secondary Road construction.
 This program provides for paving the unpaved roads on the state secondary system.
- GS 136-44.7 stipulates that the Department of Transportation shall be responsible for developing criteria for prioritizing unpaved secondary roads to be used statewide.
- The current system of rating unpaved roads for paving was formulated in early 1977.
- Attachments 1 & 2 are rating sheets used in the ranking system for each county statewide. Each county has an independent paving priority using this rating sheet.
- Each unpaved road is reviewed every two or three years depending upon the desire
 of the Board of Transportation. All of the characteristics of an unpaved road are
 noted on the rating sheet. Each characteristic is assigned the points shown. The
 points and the traffic count are added together. The road with the most points is
 paving priority number one.
- The ranking is following unless right of way is not available. If the right of way is not available, at no cost to the Department of Transportation, the funds are used on the next road in priority.
- Under our current system, the rating system is divided into two (2) road system categories: (1) Rural and (2) Subdivision/Residential. The paving priority for rural roads is established by dividing the land use and public service characteristics by the roadway length if greater than one mile in length and by one if less than a mile in length. If the actual length were used, those unpaved rural secondary roads less than one mile in length would increase in priority with the shorter roads showing the greatest gain in priority and paving potential.
- The Subdivision/Residential rating system already uses the above-described system whereby the actual length is used thereby giving the shorter roadways (less than one mile in length) a higher paving priority. This system does give a high emphasis on trying to pave those roads with the higher density development (homes per length roadway) which we consider a desirable objective.

Attachment C

RESOLUTION

The Board of Commissioners for the County of
North Carolina, met in regular session at the Courty Courthouse
in <u>Vascey</u> County, the usual place of meeting, at <u>7</u> PM,
on May 1, 2012
on May 1, 2012 Present: Chairman hiddle, members Austin, Fugkend, Holland, and Presnell
Absent:
Chairman <u>Loddle</u> introduced representatives of
the Department of Transportation and a resolution recommending a program of total
needs for Secondary Road improvements in <u>Jawey</u> County.
The attached program details the proposed expenditures of Secondary Road
Construction and Trust Funds for the period <u>July 2012 - June 2013</u> .
Commissioner England moved that the
foregoing resolution and attached program of total needs for Secondary Roads in
County be approved:
Ayes: hiddle, Austra, England, Halland, Presnell
Noes:
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J. Jacob A alaba Clark to the Board
I, J. Jason Robinson Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for Yancey County, North Carolina,
DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the
proceedings of the Board of Commissioners for said County at a meeting held
on Nay 1, 2012 , as relates in any way to Secondary Road
Construction and Trust Funds for expenditures in said County, and that said
proceedings are recorded in Minute Bookof the minutes of said Board,
beginning at Page and ending at Page
Witness my hand and the official seal of said County, thisday
of <u>Nay</u> , 2012.
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Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

State of North Carolina County of Yancey



RESOLUTION

North Carolina Department of Transportation - Division of Highways Request for Addition to State Maintained Secondary Road System

Road Description:

Addition of Bridge to Clearmont Elementary School, Burnsville, NC

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Yancey has been requested that the above described bridge, the location of which has been indicated in red on the attached map, be added to the Secondary Road System; and

WHEREAS, this bridge provides the sole access to Clearmont Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is of the opinion that the above described bridge/road should be added to the Secondary Road System, if the bridge/road meets minimum standards and criteria established by the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation for the addition of roads to the System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the above described bridge/road, and to take over the bridge/road for maintenance if it meets established standards and criteria.

ADOPTED this the 1st day of May, 2012 by the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners

Johnny Riddle, Chairman

(county seal)

J. Jason Robinson, Clerk to the Board

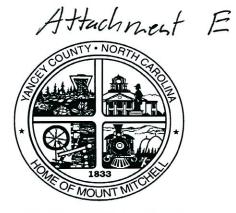
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CERTIFICATE

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Yancey at a meeting on the 1st day of May, 2012.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this the 15th day of May, 2012.

J. Jason Robinson, Clerk to the Board



RESOLUTION

North Carolina Department of Transportation - Division of Highways Request for Addition to State Maintained Secondary Road System

Road Description:

Addition of Bridge to Edwards Community Cemetery at

2983 Bald Mountain Road, Burnsville, NC

WHEREAS, the attached petition has been filed with Board of County Commissioners of the County of Yancey requesting that the above described bridge, the location of which has been indicated in red on the attached map, be added to the Secondary Road System; and

WHEREAS, this bridge was built by the State of North Carolina in 1984 to access the Edwards Community Cemetery and said bridge and roadway have been maintained by the State since that time; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners on information and belief that the above described bridge has historically received maintenance and has otherwise been treated as a facility of the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, this bridge was destroyed by a flood on August 17, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is of the opinion that the above described bridge should be added to the Secondary Road System and be immediately reconstructed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the above described bridge, take all necessary action to formally add this bridge to the State System and to reconstruct this bridge for the immediate use of the citizens.

ADOPTED this the 1st day of May, 2012 by the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners.

ohnny Riddle, Chairman

(county seal)

. Jason Robinson, Clerk to the Board

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Yancey at a meeting on the 1st day of May, 2012.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this the / day of May, 2012.

J. Jason Robinson, Clerk to the Board

Affachment F



Applicant: Yancey County	Date: <u>April 26, 2012</u>
Mailing Address: 110 Town Square, Room 11, 1	Burnsville, NC 28714
Phone: (828) 682-3971	Fax: <u>(828) 682-4301</u>
Pyrotechnic Co. Name: <u>Pyrotechnico</u>	
Mailing Address: PO Box 149, New Castle, PA	16103
Phone: (724) 652-9555	Fax: <u>(724)</u> 652-1288
Date of Discharge: July 7, 2012 Sta	art Time for Discharge:9:30PM_
Location of Discharge: _adjacent to 30 East US Hi	ghway 19-E Bypass, Burnsville, NC
Contact Person or Shooters Name at Discharge Site	e: To be Determined
 All provisions of NFPA 1123, Outdoor Disgonal Abond or certificate of insurance in the ame County named as co-insured shall accompate Approval from the Yancey County Board of A site plan including security and discharge A copy of the inventory that includes quantimust be attached. A list of previous shows shot and/or a copy Marshal) license. Applicant Signature:	ount of one million dollars with Yancey ny this application. f Commissioners must be obtained. e area must accompany the application. ity, type, size, and ignition system utilized of the ATF license or NC DOI (State Fire
Office U	Jse
Application Complete	Bond/Certification of Insurance
Inspected By:	Date:



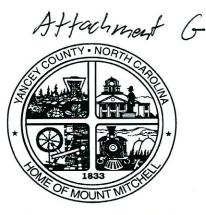
Applicant: TOE RIVER CAMP GROUND Date: 4-25-2012
Mailing Address: 225 PATIENCE PARK Rd.
Phone: (828) 675-5104 Fax: 828-675-9369
Pyrotechnic Co. Name: ARRON YOUNG
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1091 Bakersulle, N.C
Phone: (828 - 467 - 3232 Fax: 828 - 688 - 2115
Date of Discharge: 7-3-2012 Start Time for Discharge: 9:30 PM
Location of Discharge: Too River Campground
Contact Person or Shooters Name at Discharge Site: Annow Young-
 CONDITIONS All provisions of NFPA 1123, Outdoor Display of Fireworks, shall be met. A bond or certificate of insurance in the amount of one million dollars with Yancey County named as co-insured shall accompany this application. Approval from the Yancey County Board of Commissioners must be obtained. A site plan including security and discharge area must accompany the application. A copy of the inventory that includes quantity, type, size, and ignition system utilized must be attached. A list of previous shows shot and/or a copy of the ATF license, or NC DOI (State Fire Marshal) license. Applicant Signature: Date:
Office Use
Application Complete Bond/Certification of Insurance
Site approved including fallout zone
inspected By: Date:



Applicant: Mountain Air P.O.A. Date: 4/19/12
Mailing Address: 100 Club Dr. 3te 102
Phone: (828 1082 - 1578 Fax: 828 - 682 - 7697
Pyrotechnic Co. Name: Zambelli Fireworks
Mailing Address: Po Box 1463, New Castle PA 16103
Phone: (800) 995 0397 Fax: 724 - 658 - 8318
Date of Discharge: 7/4/12 Start Time for Discharge: 9pm (dark)
Location of Discharge: Run w. au
Contact Person or Shooters Name at Discharge Site: Lovie Burnett
 All provisions of NFPA 1123, Outdoor Display of Fireworks, shall be met. A bond or certificate of insurance in the amount of one million dollars with Yancey County named as co-insured shall accompany this application. Approval from the Yancey County Board of Commissioners must be obtained. A site plan including security and discharge area must accompany the application. A copy of the inventory that includes quantity, type, size, and ignition system utilized must be attached. A list of previous shows shot and/or a copy of the ATF license, or NC DOI (State Fire Marshal) license. Applicant Signature: Date: 4/14/12
Office Use
Application Complete Bond/Certification of Insurance
Site approved including fallout zone
inspected By: Date:



Applicant: Friends Across North Carolinate: 4/25/201
Mailing Address: 1080 Brinkley Rd., Carthage, NC 28327
Phone: (828) 385-0211 Fax: (828) 682-1202
Pyrotechnic Co. Name: AARON YOUNG
Mailing Address: PO Box 1091 Bakersville, N.C.
Phone: (828) 467 - 3232 Fax: 828 - 688 - 2/15
Date of Discharge: $\frac{6/21/2012}{}$ Start Time for Discharge: $9:30 PM$
Location of Discharge: Toe River Campground
Contact Person or Shooters Name at Discharge Site:
 All provisions of NFPA 1123, Outdoor Display of Fireworks, shall be met. A bond or certificate of insurance in the amount of one million dollars with Yancey County named as co-insured shall accompany this application. Approval from the Yancey County Board of Commissioners must be obtained. A site plan including security and discharge area must accompany the application. A copy of the inventory that includes quantity, type, size, and ignition system utilized must be attached. A list of previous shows shot and/or a copy of the ATF license, or NC DOI (State Fire Marshal) license. Applicant Signature:
Office Use
Application Complete Bond/Certification of Insurance Site approved including fallout zone
nspected By: Date:



RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN YANCEY COUNTY AND THE PARKWAY PLAYHOUSE OF BURNSVILLE, INC.

THAT WHEREAS Yancey County owns certain real property upon which is situated the building commonly known as The Parkway Playhouse, which such property is more particularly described in that Deed dated 6 December 1999 and recorded of record at Yancey County Deed Book 342, Page 449; and

WHEREAS Yancey County has heretofore leased the aforementioned property to the Parkway Playhouse of Burnsville, Inc. under the terms and provisions of that Lease Agreement dated 12 February 2002 and recorded of record at Yancey County Deed Book 392, Page 358; and

WHEREAS the aforementioned lease was for a term of ten (10) years which said lease expired on 11 February 2012; and

WHEREAS the Parkway Playhouse of Burnsville, Inc. has continued to occupy the building on said property; and

WHEREAS Yancey County has determined that the aforementioned property will not be otherwise needed by the county government for an additional term of ten (10) years and that the lease with the Parkway Playhouse of Burnsville, Inc. should be renewed upon the terms and conditions set forth in a new lease agreement a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS Yancey County has given notice of its intent to authorize the lease set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and has published such notice as required by NC Gen. Stat. 160A-272.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the YANCEY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that Yancey County is hereby authorized to enter into that particular lease agreement attached hereto and incorporated into this Resolution as Exhibit "A" and that the Honorable Johnny Riddle, Chairman of the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners be and hereby is authorized to execute such lease agreement on behalf of Yancey County at the 1 May 2012 Regular Meeting of said Board.

Johnny Riddle, Chairman

ADOPTED this the 1st Day of May 2012.

(County Seal)

Jason Robinson,

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners